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(*b*) under what provision of law the Police arrested them and kept them for such a length of time in the sub-jail without their being charge-sheeted and brought before the Sub-Magistrate for trial;

(*c*) in whose custody were the said ladies during their detention; and

(*d*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) On 18th March 1932 the three persons were found exhorting students in the Ellore High School compound to take part in Congress activity, and distributing Congress leaflets. They were arrested for having committed an offence under section 17 (1) of the Indian Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1908, and remanded to custody pending investigation by the Police as to who had instigated them to commit the offence and as to the origin of the Congress leaflets. Investigation showed that these persons were of minor importance and were merely tools in the hands of others. It was therefore decided not to prosecute them. They were released on 2nd April 1932 within the period of 15 days remand permissible under section 167, Criminal Procedure Code, for purpose of Police investigation.

(*c*) They were under custody in the Sub-Jail, Ellore.

(*d*) None.

Search of the Khadi depot of the Andhra branch of the All-India Spinners Association at Nidadavole.

* 9 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Police searched the premises and the Khadi depot of the Andhra branch of the All-India Spinners Association at Nidadavole; and

(*b*) whether they seized any account books, and if so, what books, how many, and why; and whether they have been since returned; if not, why not?

A.—The Government have no information but have called for it.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I know whether the information called for has not yet been received by the Government? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:— " No, Sir."

Alleged handcuffing of Congress volunteers under arrest.

* 10 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether two Congress volunteers Basappa and Mahabala Alva who were arrested by the Police of Mangalore in about March were